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SUBJECT: GKR CHARGE ON KHMER CREDENTIAL ISSUE AND GOI POSITION

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1. CAMBODIAN CHARGE MECH SARY INFORMED AN EMBASSY OFFICER AUGUST 26 THAT THE INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATED TO HIM ON AUGUST 23 THAT THE GOI HAD NOT YET DETERMINED ITS POSITION ON THE IMPENDING KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE AT THE 29TH UNGA. THE GKR CHARGE SAID THAT THE MEA DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR INDOCHINA TOLD HIM SEIMPLY THAT THE GOI HAD NOT "DECIDED."

(COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH WAS QUOTED TO THE SAME EFFECT ON AUGUST 5 DURING A STOPOVER IN BANGKOK ON ROUTE TO SINGAPORE.) IT WAS MECH SARY'S PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE GOI WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN AGAIN ON THE QUESTION OF DEFERRING THE ISSUE SHOULD IT ARISE IN THAT CONTEXT THIS YEAR AS DURING THE 28TH UNGA.

2. THE GKR CHARGE SAID THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE SIHANOUK HAD NOT
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ON BEHALF OF HIS EXILE REGIME. HE THOUGHT THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY WAS THE MOST ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC MISSION HERE ON BEHALF OF SIHANOUK. THE SOVIETS WERE PROBABLY ALSO MAKING REPRESENTATIONS, ALTHOUGH MECH SARY NOTED THAT RECENTLY A SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER HAD CALLED ON HIM FOR AN INCONCLUSIVE BUT NONETHELESS FRIENDLY TALK ON INDOCHINA ISSUES.

3. IN DISCUSSING GKR ACTIVITIES IN INDIA, MECH SARY INDICATED THAT PREMIER LON NOL HAD INVITED BOTH AN "INFLUENTIAL" RULING CONGRESS PARTY MEMBER AND AN OPPOSITON MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TO VISIT PHNOM PENH IN SEPTEMBER. MECH SARY SAID THE TWO INVITATIONS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED, AND FINAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WERE NOW BEING WORKED OUT.

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